

REMARKS

I. Support for the Amendments

Support for the amendments to the specification, claims, and abstract can be found in the PCT application as filed.

This application is a 35 U.S.C. §371 national stage of PCT application PCT/US2004/021637, filed July 6, 2004, which claims the priority benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/485,509, filed July 6, 2003, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/485,607, filed July 7, 2003, the disclosures of all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Claims 1-24 were in the PCT application as filed. Claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15, and 17-20 have been amended, and new claims 25-28 have been added. Support for amended claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15, and 17-20 can be found in the language of original claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15, and 17-20, respectively. Support for new claim 25 can be found in the language of original claims 1-2, 5, 11, and 13. Support for new claims 26-28 can be found in the language of original claims 14, 15, and 20, respectively.

Support for amended claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15, and 17-20 and for new claims 25-28 can be found in the original specification, figures, and claims. The amendments to claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15, and 17-20 change their dependency and/or bring them into conformity to U.S. practice. Additional support for new claims 25 and 28 can be found, e.g., from page 5, line 29, to page 7, line 8; and in Example 1. Additional support for new claims 26 and 27 can be found, e.g., from page 7, line 9, to page 10, line 7.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the Abstract, which was the Abstract originally filed in PCT/US2004/021637, filed July 6, 2004, and which appears on the cover sheet of WO 2005/003321 (publication of PCT/US2004/021637).

II. Conclusion

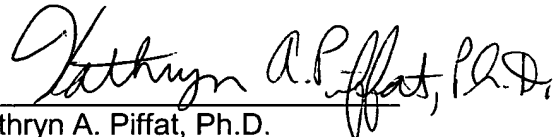
It is believed that all the claims are in condition for allowance. If discussion of any amendment or remark made herein would advance this important case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned as soon as convenient.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is respectfully considered in condition for allowance. An early reconsideration and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

It is believed that no extension of time is required. If any extension of time is required, the Examiner is authorized to treat this as a conditional petition for an extension of time. Although it is not believed that any additional fee (in addition to the fee concurrently submitted) is required to consider this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

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